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In re Patent Application of

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Peter SONDEREGGER

) Group Art Unit: 1646

Application No.: 09/403,724

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action issued January 14, 2002, please amend the above-identified application and consider the remarks as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claims 16, 19, 31 and 32 as follows:

D *Jul 8/02* 16. (twice amended) Isolated neurotrypsin having the amino acid sequences of formulas I and II:

I: neurotrypsin of the human (SEQ ID NO: 2); and

II: neurotrypsin of the mouse (SEQ ID NO: 4).

D2 *Jul 8/02* 19. (twice amended) A method for the development of pharmaceutical drugs comprising,

isolating proteins having the coded amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOS: 2 or 4 and using said proteins as targets for said pharmaceutical drugs.



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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

[] A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

[] A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [] \$55.00 (248) [] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.

[] Also enclosed is _____.

[] Small entity status is hereby claimed.

[] Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$370.00 (279) [] \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

[] Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.

[] Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

[] A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.

[X] No additional claim fee is required.

[] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	17	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims	14	MINUS 14 =	0	× \$84.00 (102) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					

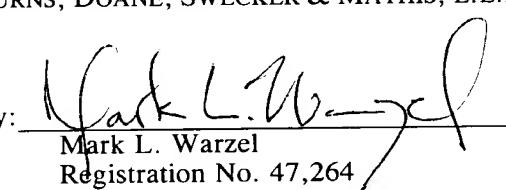
[] A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

[] Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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